

State of Arizona

Acupuncture Board of Examiners

May 2008 **Newsletter**

Mission Statement: The mission of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Arizona by regulating and maintaining standards of practice in the field of acupuncture.

Acupuncture Board of Examiners

Della Estrada, L.Ac.	Joe Balensi, L.Ac.
Chairman	Secretary
Term Expiration: 1/18/10	Term Expiration: 1/21/08
John M. Rhodes, L.Ac.	Toni L. Bennalley
Professional Member	Professional Member
Term Expiration: 1/17/11	Term Expiration: 1/18/10
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H)	Vacancy
Professional Member	Professional Member
Term Expiration: 1/19/09	Term Expiration:
Ross Adelman	Toni Karnas
Public Member	Public Member
Term Expiration: 1/18/08	Term Expiration: 1/18/10
Diane Pruetz	
Public Member	
Term Expiration: 1/21/08	

Board Staff:

Pete Gonzalez Executive Director

Congratulations to John M. Rhodes, L.Ac., on his appointment to the Board by the Governor! Mr. Rhodes term on the Board will expire January 17, 2011.

The Board is deeply appreciative of the six years served by Yong Deng, L.Ac. and wish him well.

Board Meetings for 2008

January 23, 2008 February 27, 2008 March 26, 2008 April 23, 2008 May 28, 2008 June 25, 2008 July 23, 2008 August 27, 2008 September 24, 2008 October 22, 2008 November 25, 2008 December 15, 2008

Getting a hold of us at the Board office:

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Did you change your office or home address or get a new telephone number?

Please remember that AAC R4-8-103 requires that every person holding a license or certificate shall, within 30 days, notify the Board <u>in writing</u> of any change in mailing address (giving both the old and the new address), email address, or residential, business, or mobile telephone numbers.

The required form is found on the Board's web site under the "Forms" section.

February 2008 Welcome Aboard Margaret A. Murry Christine A. Way New Acupuncture Licensees January 2008 March 2008 Julia A. Eastman, L.Ac. David C. Chang, L.Ac. Errin I. Falls Richard W. Ruth, L.Ac. Sung Hyun Cho, L.Ac. **April 2008** February 2008 Sylvia O. Stanton Cheryl Sheriff, L.Ac. Qing Zhu Zhang, L.Ac. Angelica L. Gomez, L.Ac. **May 2008** Celeste J. Rubio Joseph R. Wantland March 2008 Noura L. Eleid, L.Ac. Darren K. Brooks, L.Ac. **June 2008** Heather A. Horne, L.Ac. April 2008 **July 2008** Laura J. Shields, L.Ac. Aline A. Schwartz, L.Ac. Kimberly A. Kleiman, L.Ac. Lecia M. Novack, L.Ac. Scott R. Smith, L.Ac. Victor L. Fomo, L.Ac. Jamie M. Koonce, L.Ac. Michael J. DeVoney, L.Ac. August 2008 Zhen Liu, L.Ac. **May 2008** September 2008 Joseph P. Dudley, L.Ac. Jose A. Montoya, L.Ac. Naomi R. Richman, L.Ac. October 2008 **June 2008** November 2008 **July 2008** December 2008 August 2008 September 2008 **Board Actions** At the January Board meeting, the fee for the sale of October 2008 lists (for commercial purposes) was increased to \$50. November 2008 The Board will be conducting an audit of compliance with the continuing education December 2008 requirement beginning with the July 2008 license renewals. This year long audit will select a random survey (15%) of licensed acupuncturists. ^^^^^ The Board is exploring the thought of conducting a Welcome Aboard Board meeting in Tucson later this year. New Auricular Certificate Holders January 2008 None.

Approval of Acupuncture Program

The Board approved the Acupuncture Program of the Acupuncture Center of Naples/Florida Health Academy (now closed) and the Washington College Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at the January 23, 2008 meeting.

Complaints

The Board heard Complaint #2008-01. This complaint has been filed against Clark W. Kim form Parker, Arizona for practicing acupuncture without a valid Arizona Acupuncture license. The Board will be forwarding this matter to the La Paz County Attorney's office for review and action.

Approved Continuing Education Course Information

Course Name: "Diagnosing Without Needing to Ask" for 3

CEU's

Instructor: Joseph Garner, L.Ac.

Date: June 13, 2008 **Contact Information:**

Joseph Garner, L.Ac. (602) 274-1885

Course Name: "Pulse Reading that Really Works" for 3

CEU's

Instructor: Joseph Garner, L.Ac.

Date: July 25, 2008 **Contact Information:**

Joseph Garner, L.Ac. (602) 274-1885

Course Name: "Applied Kinesiology in the Acupuncture

Practice for 7 CEU's

Instructor: Robin Cupp, L.Ac.

Date: July 20, 2008 **Contact Information:**

Robin Cupp, L.Ac. (520) 400-4625

Course Name: "Allergy Elimination Made Easy" for 16

CEU's

Instructor: Robin Cupp, L.Ac.

Date: July 18-19, 2008 **Contact Information:**

Robin Cupp, L.Ac. (520) 400-4625

Course Name: "Bee Well Kidz Pediatric Tuina I" for 6

CEU's

Instructor: Naomi Richman, L.Ac.

Dates: July 13, 2008 **Contact Information:**

Joseph Garner, L.Ac. (602) 274-1885

Course Name: "The Five Elements: A Journey into Psyche

and Soma" for 13 CEU's **Instructor:** Anastacia White

Dates: September 20-21 and November 8-9, 2008

Contact Information:

Anastacia White, (510) 420-0904

Course Name: Love, Serve and Succeed—Life and Business
Success for AOM Professionals Part I/Whole Food Nutrition
in the Chinese Medicine Clinic & Love, Serve and Succeed—
Life and Business Success for AOM Professionals Part
II/Integrating Key Western Botanicals into AOM Practice

Instructor: Michael Gaeta 1

Date: April 12-13, 2008 & September 27-28, 2008

Contact Information:

Joseph Garner, L.Ac. (602) 274-1885

Note: The CEU's listed above are <u>only</u> those approved by the Board. Additional CEU offerings are provided by schools of acupuncture, private providers, and national organizations.

Board Rules

The Board completed its review of its rules and the new rules were approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) on February 5, 2008 and will be effective in 60 days. The Board web site has a link to the new rules. **The Board is encouraging all licensees to review the new rules.**

New Laws

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A new state law requires that a person applying for a license or renewing a license must submit documentation to the licensing board that satisfactorily demonstrates that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States.

Web Page Updates

The Board's website now includes the ability to download documents associated with practitioner disciplinary actions.

Proposed Legislation

HB 2019—board continuation bill—was signed by the Governor on April 11, 2008. This bill continues the existence of the Board until July 1, 2018.

HB 2620—budget adjustment; fiscal year 2007-2008—was signed by the Governor on April 18, 2008. This legislation enacts the fund sweeps of state agencies,

boards, and commissions. The legislation sweeps \$100,000 from the Board's fund in the current fiscal year.

A proposal to consolidate health profession licensing boards has been presented by the Governor. It is unclear on how this consolidation would be structured. The Board office is monitoring this effort.

License Statistics

Current Number of Active Licenses:	463
Current Number of Active Certificates:	64
License Applications in 2008 (5/21/08):	23
License Applications in 2007:	55
License Applications in 2006:	55
Certificate Applications in 2008 (5/21/0	8): 5
Certificate Applications in 2007:	23
Certificate Applications in 2006:	24
Number of Licenses issued in 2008:	22
Number of Certificates issued in 2008:	6
Number of Licenses issued in 2007:	55
Number of Certificates issued in 2007:	23
Number of Licenses issued in 2006:	57
Number of Certificates issued in 2006:	22